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CONFERENCE OF THE THREE SENIOR ARMY CHIEFS

To Request that Fixed Policies be Thoroughly Carried Out

Since the Imperial Command fell upon Baron HIRANUMA, the Army held the Conference of the Three Senior Chiefs in the afternoon of the 4th. As a result, it had been decided that ITAGAKI would remain in the HIRANUMA Cabinet as the War Minister and that the Army would request, upon the formation of the Cabinet, the following:

1. As for the disposal of the China Incident, the aims of the Holy War, basing upon the decisions of the Imperial Conference, should be thoroughly carried out.
2. In view of the new circumstances in East Asia, the preparation and the expansion of the armament should be realized, the system of national total mobilization should be more strengthened and the expansion of productivity should be increased.

On the 5th, when Baron HIRANUMA met War Minister ITAGAKI, the Army decided to emphasize the above requests.

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昭和十四年一月五日

陸軍三長官會議

陸軍は平沼男に大命降下するに至りて四日午

後持運の三長官會議を行ふ結果、平沼内閣に
討伐は板垣陸相も留任せしめることに決定した

同内閣の成立にあつて陸軍とては

一、支那事変の處理に関する前會議の決定に
基づき、飽和聖戰の目的を貫徹すること

二、東亞の新情勢に基づ軍備の整備充實を
遂行し、國家強勢体制を益々強化すること共
に生産力の拡充に邁進すること。

を要望することに決定した。五日平沼男と板垣陸
相との會見の際にはこの要望を強調する方針であ
る。

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EXECUTION OF SEVEN ITEMS

HIRANUMA Requested by the Army

War Minister ITAGAKI, upon the request of Baron HIRANUMA, called at the cabinet organization headquarters at 9 A.M. on the 5th and had an interview with Baron HIRANUMA for about 45 minutes, during which he was asked to remain as the War Minister. After revealing the requests on the part of the Army, as decided by the Conference of the Army Senior Chiefs, ITAGAKI left at 10 A.M. The points, as requested by the Army and revealed to Baron HIRANUMA by the War Minister, were as follows:

1. With regard to the China Incident, basing upon the decisions of the Imperial Conference, and in accordance with fixed policies, the aims of the Holy War should be achieved. Particularly, the Declaration of December 22nd, on the policy of readjusting the relationship with China, should be adopted in its entirety.
2. To cope with the new circumstances in East Asia, the plan for national defense should be established and the preparation and expansion of armament should be the aim.
3. The relations among the three nations, Japan, Germany and Italy, should be closer and strengthened.
4. The system of national total mobilization itself should be reinforced and, moreover, the Planning Board should be expanded and reinforced.
5. All efforts should be made to increase productivity.
6. The national morale should be stimulated.
7. Trade should be promoted.

WAR MINISTER PROMISED TO REMAIN

Reply after the Three Senior Chiefs Conference Today

Having been asked to remain at his post, War Minister ITAGAKI, as soon as he returned to the official residence of the War Minister, immediately asked NISHIO, the Inspector-General of Military Education, to come over to have an important discussion, during which the War Minister explained in detail the negotiation he had with Baron HIRANUMA as to his remaining at his post. After the discussion, together with the Inspector-General of Military Education, NISHIO, he proceeded to the official residence of Prince Kanin, the Chief of the General Staff, at 10:50 A.M. His Highness the Chief of the General Staff granted the interview to them and held the Conference of the Three Senior Chiefs. Besides, at 11:50, War Minister ITAGAKI dispatched Vice Minister YAMAWAKI as his proxy to proceed to the cabinet organization headquarters to reply formally his acceptance to remain at his post.

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七項目の実行

陸軍側平沼男に要望

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柏垣陸相は平沼男の招を二月六日午前九時二十分に御内閣本部を訪問し、午後五分に亘り平沼男と会見。陸相は文書を受け取るに際して、陸軍首腦が会議の結果、甚く陸軍側の要望を附陳し、同時に平沼男へ陸相が陸軍側の要望を乙平沼男に提示した諸点は左の如くである。

1. 本邦事務院は都前會議の決定に基き特不動の方針に依て、北支那の侵略目的を達成するに十二月廿二日の對支國文開港方針の開する聲明は全面的にこれを踏襲する。

2. 本邦の新情勢に対する国防計画を樹立し、備え整備を充と期す。

3. 一日獨伊三國關係を一徳の關係に運び、一國家の實力と本格的に対抗せしめると共に、企画の実現に更に力を注ぐ。

4. 生産力の充は全力を擧げよ。

5. 國民精神の更なる伸展を期す。

6. 貿易の振興を期す。

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陸相留任の返答

留任返答の件に於て本豆陸相は且陸相官会
引揚て西岸教育組織監督を招き平沼湯川田代
主事長官を改めて該明重申協議を遂其
後西岸教育組織監督打前、乙午十時五十分
開院奉請總長官即に同候奉請總長官
請西岸教育組織監督三長官會議を開き御協議を遂
う。本豆陸相は乙午前十一時五十分
山野次官代代理の總院本部に赴く。其正義
留任返答の回答下付する。

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